(c) Mahila Battalion is deployed as situation demands.

(d) and (e) In **a** recent amendment to the recruitment procedure of Constables in CPOs, the disturbed areas have been provided additional weightage in allocating vacancies. This will help in recruiting women from such areas if they apply and fulfill the recruitment criteria.

Constitution of Voluntary Civil Force

1643. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to constitute a voluntary civil force to be deployed in times of natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The country has a pool of trained Civil Defence Volunteers. These Civil Defence Volunteers are provided training in various services like communications, casualty management, rescue, welfare and supply management, depot and transport services, fire fighting, salvage and corpse disposal. These services are akin to the requirements of assistance needed in the event of disasters. State Governments may also utilize the services of Civil Defence Volunteers for mitigation/prevention and preparedness for disasters as well as for response and relief after a disaster has struck.

Population of Muslims as per Census 2001

1644. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Census 2001 has been completed;

(b) if so, the total expenditure incurred on the census;

(c) what is the population of Muslims State-wise and district-wise in various States/Union Territories as per this census;

(d) what are the names of first three most density States, according to 2001 Census; and